

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club  
Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

April 2020

## 2020 Meeting Schedule

May	Joe Kubat
June	Bruce Corbett
July	Tom Mirro
August	Picnic
September	Steve Handy
October	Rich iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

No meetings are scheduled at this time

If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.

Please let Joanne Seiler know at least 2 months before your scheduled month that YOU WILL BE HOSTING the meeting and give the date/time/etc.

April



## President's Message



Our hearts are heavy due to the loss of a very important club member, to an illness she fought hard to beat. Wendy Meehan was a long time member, who had held many positions in our club. She was our Newsletter editor, Web master, and Club photographer, as well as being a CTCI Region 1 Director. She was also very important in several CTCI conventions that NJORTC ran, by coordinating all the registrations. Wendy's absence will be felt by every member. Our hearts go out to Mike.

Spring is here, unfortunately we cannot enjoy it. As everyone knows by now all activities and club meetings are on hold, with most being canceled. Please be mindful, this virus is no joke and as most of our members are in the highest risk category. Stay home and practice safe social distance.

Thanks go out to George and Suzanne Gayet for hosting the trip to George's daughter and son-in-laws Finding Home Farms maple syrup farm. Beautiful day and well attended. Check out the web site photo page for all the pictures.

Congratulations to Bob and Toni Sabino on their new home.. May it be blessed with love and good health

*Please stay well, we will get together soon and have fun again.*

*Pray for a solution to the COVID 19 virus*

Pat LeStrange

Seat belts are not as confining as a wheelchair

## March Meeting

Since all meetings and activities for March (except the Maple Syrup outing) were canceled, there is nothing to report

**NOTE- anyone who wants a copy of the changes/additions/deletions to the By-Laws contact me and I will send you a copy of them. Changes will be voted at the next meeting Paul.**

## Finding Homes Farm maple syrup farm

Before the crap hit the fan we made a trip (turns out our last for a while) to a maple syrup farm located in Middletown, NY owned by George Gayet's daughter Laura and her husband Dana.

Remember back in school, we learned about maple syrup farming where the farmer banged a tube in to tree and collected the sap in buckets? You may even had a class trip to check it out. Well, maple syrup isn't done that way (at least in some areas) any more. Like everything else, it has gone high tech. No more buckets. Lines are attached to the trees and the sap flows to a central point to be boiled down to syrup. It takes lot of sap to make syrup -for instance in 2019 2,600 gallons of syrup was produced from 153,000 gallons of sap.

We had a good sized crowd attending. Laura's husband explained the process now, alongside super looking stainless machinery. Very nice operation. After the talk and a quick trip to the maple trees we retired to the main building where ice cream (right Joe?) was available along with a bar to wet your whistle.  
. Thanks to George and Suzanne for setting up the outing.



## Vice President's Message



Spring has sprung!!! Happy spring to everyone. Everyone has plenty of time on their hands so you can get out in your garage and get your Thunderbirds on the open road. So at least you can take them for a ride.

Due to this Coronavirus, unfortunately everything is being cancelled, i.e., our monthly meetings till further notice, our visit to Harold's Deli, our yearly tune-up clinic, most likely our spring cruise. Some of our Snow Birds are starting to come home. Welcome back.

Congratulations to Ray and Jayne Braun on the birth of their new granddaughter.

Congratulations to Bob and Toni on the purchase of their new home.

Let's have a moment of silence for Wendy Meehan. She is finally at peace. She fought a hard battle. She was a great lady and a fantastic member of our Club. She will be missed. May she Rest In Peace. Mike our prayers go out to you.

Joanne is doing good. She just received two pints of blood. She is off chemo and on other meds and so far so good. You know our prayers are always with you. Dorothy and Phil are doing good. Carman Ramos has had the flu for a couple of weeks. I think she has been tested for the Coronavirus and tested negative. Hope she is feeling better. Tom Mirro had shoulder surgery, hope his recovery is going good. Pat Selby had internal surgery in January, which she just told me about. She is still recovering, but each day feeling better. Hope everyone else is staying healthy.

I understand from Joanne that our Spring online clothing sale was good. We had quite a few orders.

Pat has updated web page with all new pictures make sure you log in to see his great work.

There really isn't much to say in this newsletter cause we cannot go anywhere or do anything. PLEASE EVERYONE do as we are told stay in, try not to interact with anybody, if you do stay six feet away from

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# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

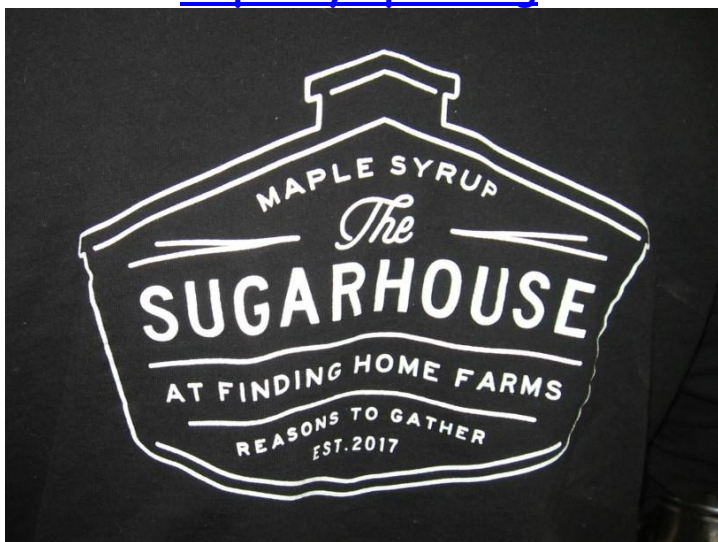
Happy Birthday

Mel Ramos 4th  
Charles Musto 16th  
Lucille Chabala 27th

GET WELL SON!

Joanne Seiler  
Dorothy Guidone  
Carmen Ramos  
Tom Mirro  
Pat Selby

Maple Syrup Outing



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## CTCI International Convention 2020

As you all know may now, this convention has  
be canceled due to the virus going around





## Club Announcements

**ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE CANCELED**

### In Memorium Wendy Meehan



### Condolences

To Mike Meehan and Wendy's family on Wendy's passing.

### From Mike

Mike has asked me to include his thanks to everyone for the support through Wendy's last days. He mentioned that Wendy really enjoyed the cards, letters and visits



Thanks to Joanne for some of the pictures

## Cruise Nights

Tuesday

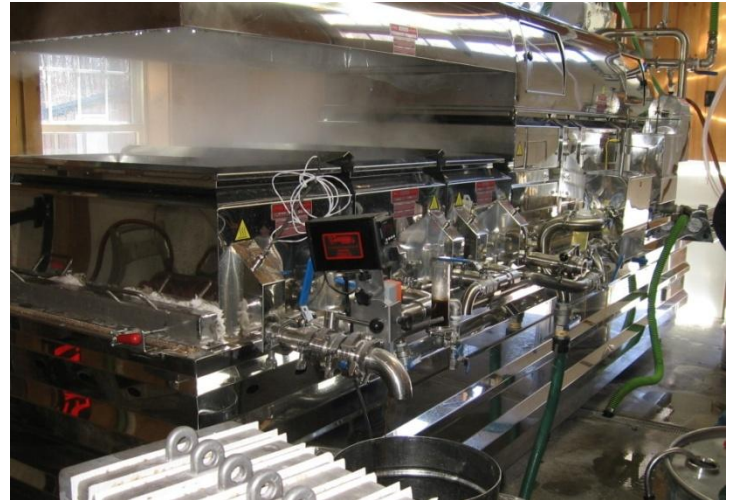
Clifton - Rutt's Hut

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

Anyone with info on cruise nights or car shows please send the information to me



### Ford History in April

4/14/57 The first production Skyliner was presented to President Eisenhower

4/29/59 The 50 millionth Ford was built at Deaborn, a 1959 Galaxy 4 door

4/6/34 Ford announced white wall tires as an option at a cost of 11.25

4/24/41 The Chicago office of Ford sent a letter to dealers encouraging them to sell Ford Farms tomato juice. \$1.80 per case of 14 pint bottles





# FOR SALE

## 1957 TBird

Body off resto by Frank Stubbs. 5100 miles since. CTCI Senior Gold, White diamond exterior, two tops, tonneau cover. Colonial white interior. Engine dress up kit, alternator, elec. ignition, front discs. Automatic. PS, PB, elect. windows, dialomatic seat, Air, am/fm radio, wire wheels, wide whites. Black carpet, hardtop storage rack, car cover, spare parts, bra. Full history. \$ 64,500. I have pictures

## Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K  
\$13,000

1976 Triumph TR 6. Yellow, fully restored, all original \$26,000 or offer

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,995.  
Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

## Thunderbirds

For sale: several 55 and 57 west coast nice project cars from my private collection including several 57 D and E code cars. Reducing collection of nonrestored cars. Call Adrian 570-709-0823

## Vice President's Message (cont'd)

them. If you go out wear gloves and mask. I know my kids have me and Joe on lock down. This is very serious and if we like it or not we are Seniors and have to take care of ourselves. Please stay well. Let's pray this virus goes out as fast as it came in.

Joanne will keep us updated on when we can get back to meetings and activities.

Happy Easter to all.

Stay well, Arlene







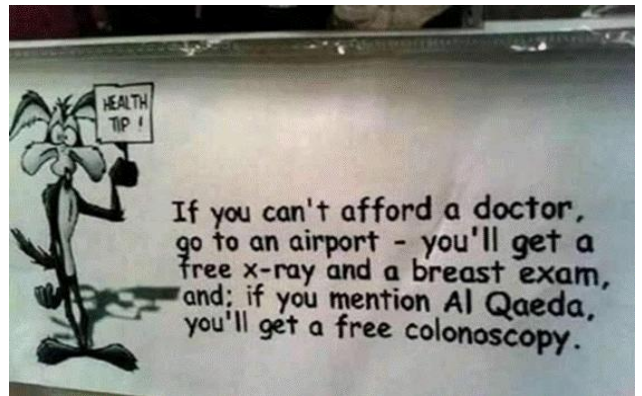
**I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. Email is best, snail mail ok**





## Swedes are Tough

Yesterday we drove the Tbird on a vinter-rally, drove 200 Miles. One pictures we are on ice road over a very big river. It was nine stops with different questions and activities. No good result. Best Regards Gunilla and Par



**Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues**



Congratulations to Tom Mirro - his car was invited to the Ford National in Carlisle as a Featured Car  
Also Ford Racing's is going to do a photo shoot and story on the car



carshow at local CA Ford dealer - date unknown but looks like 1957

### Point to Ponder

Why are you in a movie, but you're ON TV?